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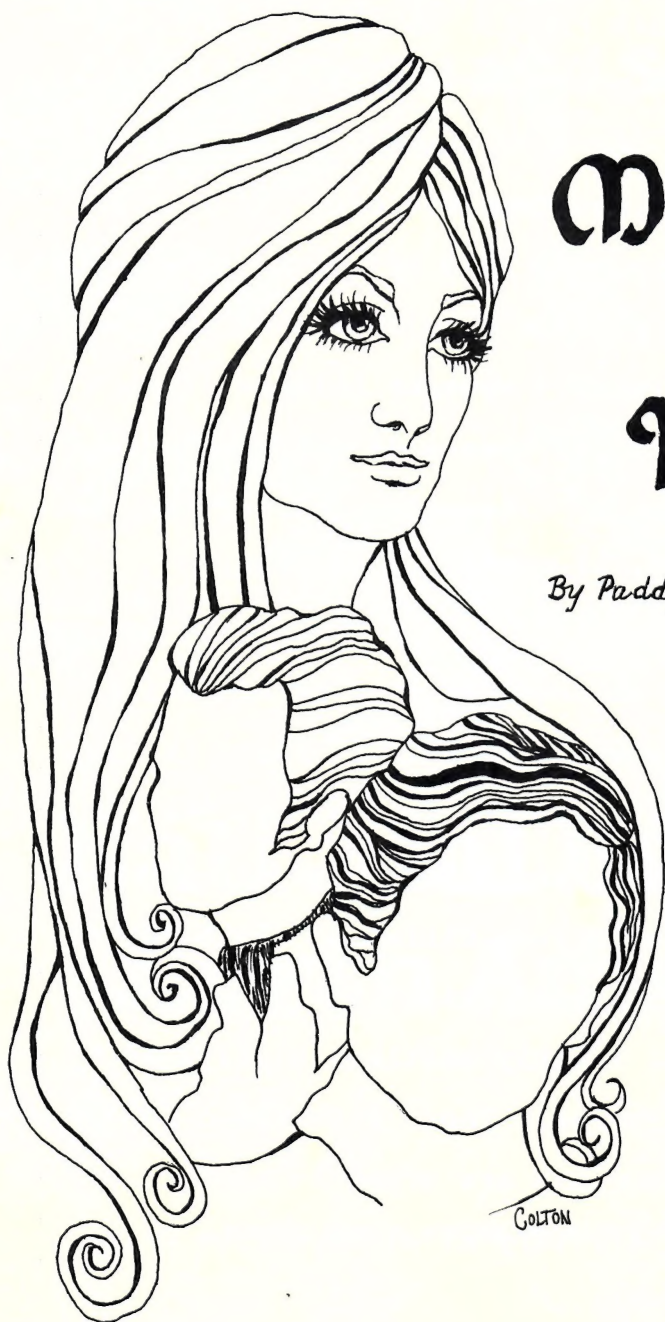
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Middle of the Night

By Paddy Chayefsky

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Middle of the Night

by Paddy Chayefsky

DIRECTED BY RALPH SALERNO
SETTINGS DESIGNED BY LOIS KEATING
LIGHTING DESIGNED BY RICHARD BOCK
PRODUCED BY JOAN DAWSON

Cast of Characters (in order of appearance):

THE GIRL.....Norma Berman
THE MOTHER.....Audrey Hickman
THE KID SISTER.....Susan Bridges
THE MANUFACTURER.....Stuart Darrow
THE SISTER.....Rhoda Elenowitz
THE WIDOW.....Louise Merrim
THE DAUGHTER.....Pam Papasidero
THE CANASTA PLAYER.....Mary Hoban
THE NEIGHBOR.....Esther Brunola
THE FRIEND.....Anita Camerik
THE SON-IN-LAW.....Bill Herdes
THE HUSBAND.....Ray Gombach

The action of the play takes place in the West Eighties, New York City between November and February of the present year.

Synopsis of Scenes:

ACT ONE

Scene 1 -The Mother's apartment. 8:30 AM
Scene 2 -The Manufacturer's apartment. 3:00 PM
Scene 3 -The Mother's apartment. 3:30 PM

ACT TWO

Scene 1 -The Mother's apartment. Six months later. 6:30 PM
Scene 2 -The Manufacturer's apartment. 10:00 PM
Scene 3 -Same as Scene 2. 11:30 PM

ACT THREE

Scene 1 -The Mother's apartment. 12:00 PM
Scene 2 -The Manufacturer's apartment. 1:30 PM

Middle of the Night is produced by special arrangement with Samuel French.

PRODUCTION STAFF

Assistant to Director.....Mary Hoban
Assistant to Producer.....Jane Pascale
Stage Manager.....Al Baruch
Set Construction.....Jack O'Connell,
Tom Bridges, Hank Senft,
Mike Anuskiewicz
Set Painting.....Louise Merrim,
Pan Vesley, Elaine Herdes,
Ursula Bostick
Set Dressings.....Nora Salaway, Cinde Nissen
Properties.....Esther DaSilva,
Esther Brunola, Barbara Dickinson
Costumes.....Betty Davenport, Jane Pascale
Makeup.....Clark McCutcheon, Jan Longo
Janet Hamburg, Lydia Bliss
Lighting.....Dick Bock, Bee Hickson,
Kevin Hickson, Marjorie Wolfson
Sound Effects.....Roger Geffen
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WHO'S WHO IN THE CAST

Ralph Salerno (Director) is known by local playgoers through his several acting and directing accomplishments with Play Troupe, St. Peter's Guild, and the Roslyn Mill Pond Theater. He was Director of last season's children's show "The Wizard of Oz" and, in addition, played roles in "Barefoot In The Park" (telephone repairman) and "The Best Man" (Sheldon Marcus).

Norma Berman (The Girl) studied acting and directing at Stanford University under Gerald Hiken and played in the university production of "Twelfth Night." Formerly a teacher of English Literature with specialization in Shakespeare studies, she now conducts a busy home-making schedule as wife and mother. This is Norma's first appearance with Play Troupe.

Stuart Darrow (The Manufacturer) is another newcomer to Play Troupe. Before coming to Port Washington, Stuart was active with the Dorchester Masquers Theater in Brooklyn and The Hollywood (Fla.) Playhouse. For the latter, he was Treasurer and Director of the Workshop..and was associated with many productions as actor, director or technical worker. He also directed plays. Stuart may be seen in a forthcoming CBS-TV film entitled "Darker Than Amber."

Rhoda Elenowitz (The Sister) is also making her initial appearance on the Play Troupe stage. She has had background experience in drama and public speaking and, as a college undergraduate, played in some of the Gilbert & Sullivan operettas. Rhoda is active in community service as a psychiatric social worker.

Audrey Hickman (The Mother) was seen last season as Aunt Em in "The Wizard of Oz" and has also participated in backstage activities. She is a professional ballerina and toured with the national companies of "Oklahoma" and "South Pacific."

Susan Bridges (The Kid Sister) plays her first speaking role tonight but has been on stage in

past Play Troupe children's productions. A 12th grade student at Schreiber High School, Susan's hobbies include dramatics and fencing.

Louise Merrim (The Widow) is a past President of Play Troupe and well known to our audiences through her many stage appearances. She highlighted last season with her portrayals of The Mother in "Barefoot In The Park" and The Wicked Witch in "The Wizard of Oz." She was also seen as Mrs. Gamadge in "The Best Man." Louise is an accomplished set artist and painter and her work may be seen in local art galleries.

Pam Papasidero (The Daughter), a recent graduate of Schreiber High School makes her Play Troupe debut with us this year. While at Schreiber High School, Pam was featured in "Diary of Anne Frank," "Secret Life of Walter Mitty," and "Oliver." among other plays. She has also acted professionally at The Sharon (Conn.) Playhouse.

Esther Brunola (The Neighbor) is a native of Glasgow, Scotland where she studied dramatics at Riverside Academy. Although this is her first Play Troupe appearance, Esther has been active in backstage activities in past productions.

Anita Camerik (The Friend) was active with The Community Theatre of Petersburg (Va.), her home town, before coming to Port Washington. She has been present behind the scenes of several recent plays and in "The Best Man" was seen intermittently as The Secretary. Anita is now serving as Secretary of Play Troupe.

Bill Herdes (The Son-In-Law) appeared last season in "The Wizard of Oz". A resident of Port Washington for four years, Bill has worked on several Play Troupe production crews.

Ray Gombach (The Husband) is remembered for roles in "Thurber Carnival" and "Another Autumn Day". Ray has, in addition, appeared in Off-Broadway plays and on TV's "Play Of The Week."

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Mary Hoban (The Canasta Player and Assistant to the Director) has worked on stage properties and set dressings for numerous past productions and appeared onstage in "The Women."

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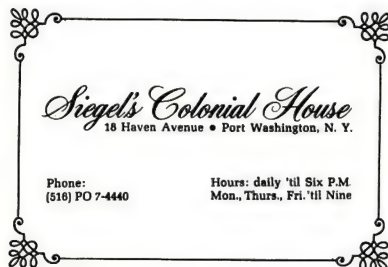
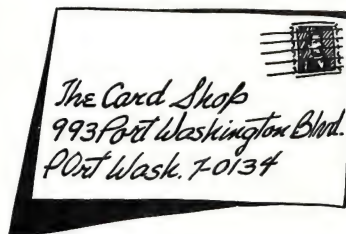
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